

Tabernacle Comm. Meets With Civic Officials

The Committee for the Preservation of the Wasatch Stake Tabernacle had a meeting Monday night with the members of the County Commission.

Dr. Everett L. Cooley, Director of the Utah State Historical Society, Mr. Royland of the Tourist and Publicity Council and Mr. Lee Knell, who is an architect and formerly of the Church Building Committee, were present to discuss the importance to the community and the Church of preserving this historic landmark.

The committee, Dr. Cooley and Mr. Roylance were also present at the regular Thursday night meeting of the City Council on August 6th.

Dr. Cooley stated that our Stake Tabernacle is one of the half dozen outstanding buildings of this type in the State. That it is not only an asset to the City and County, but also to the State of Utah. It has historical value, economic and intrinsic value as well as architectural beauty, and every effort should be exerted to keep this structure because once it is destroyed it will be gone forever and will be a tragic loss to everyone.

All three men emphasized that it is the only thing that identifies our city and sets it apart.

Mr. Fred Markham who is the Preservation Officer for Historical Buildings for the American Institute of Architecture, was unable to attend this meeting. However, he sent the following letter which was read to the group:

"The distinctive character of many of our older communities in the state lies in the fine old pioneer structures which have distinguished these communities over the years. Heber City without its tabernacle would become just another of those undistinguished communities, through which the major highways of the nation pass.

"This building is one which identifies it as Heber City and to lose it would be a distinct loss, not only to Wasatch County, but also to the State of Utah. There must be some way in which the citizens of Wasatch County, with the assistance of the other interested areas, can find some means to preserve this fine old building."

The committee has reason to believe that many thousands of dollars will be contributed towards the restoration of this building and issue an earnest appeal for your support in their efforts to save the Tabernacle.

Ruth Witt is Chairman of the committee, with Hope Mohr, vice chairman and Barbara McDonald, Secretary.

TABERNACLE

Progress In Heber Site Fight

HEBER, Wasatch County — Encouraging success was reported Saturday in the drive to save from the bulldozer a building embodying much of Heber's pioneer history.

The efforts are in behalf of the stately red sandstone Wasatch Stake Tabernacle, considered probably the community's most outstanding landmark.

The building was scheduled to be torn down to make way for a modern stake and ward center for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. However, Wasatch Stake officials have agreed to a "stay of execution" in hopes the building can be saved.

NEED SITE

Several stumbling blocks have been overcome, but the major one—raising \$60,000 for an alternate site—has not been surmounted.

However, the chairman of a fund drive reports good success thus far in raising the amount.

The chairman, Glen M. Hatch, Heber attorney, said "substantial donations" have been received, including individual contributions of up to \$1,000.

The committee, which includes John Anderson and Mrs. Alice Ashton, plans to canvass every individual and business in Wasatch County and to make a statewide appeal.

HAVE FUND

Persons wishing to contribute may send their donations to the "Save the Tabernacle Fund," Heber Branch, First Security Bank of Utah.

If the fund drive fails, the contributions will be returned to individual donors, said Mr. Hatch.

However, the drive is urgent. In 1964, the site was scheduled for demolition. The site is located at the intersection of East 3rd South and South Temple. The site is currently occupied by the Heber Branch of the First Security Bank of Utah. The site is currently occupied by the Heber Branch of the First Security Bank of Utah.